

## **Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range Evaluation Q and A Talking Points**

**Q.** What is the purpose of the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range Evaluation?

**A.** The evaluation determines whether or not current management practices in the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range are meeting objectives and decisions laid out in the Land Use Plan, Forest Plan, and Herd Management Area Plan (HMAP). It is also used to determine if the HMAP should be revised.

**Q.** What decisions will be made with the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range Evaluation?

**A.** The evaluation is not a decision document; rather it will help determine which management practices are meeting objectives and which are not, and make recommendations for necessary improvements. It also determines when to initiate the HMAP revision.

**Q.** How do I appeal this document?

**A.** This document is an evaluation, not a decision document. As such, this document is not appealable.

**Q.** What was the public's role in the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range Evaluation?

**A.** In November 2007, the public was invited to provide any additional data, analysis, or information that could be used to measure whether or not objectives were being met on the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range. The public was also asked to provide technical recommendations for the management of the range.

**Q.** When did the evaluation become final?

**A.** The evaluation was finalized on Feb. 4, after comments received from the public had been incorporated into the document.

**Q.** Why is the evaluation period from 1995 through 2007?

**A.** The latest revision to the HMAP occurred in 1992, but the evaluation period begins in 1995, when monitoring data is available.

**Q.** Will the evaluation be used to revise the Herd Management Area Plan?

**A.** Portions or all of the evaluation could be used as a basis for a revision of the HMAP.

**Q.** What is the timeline for a possible Herd Management Area Plan revision?

**A.** A draft HMAP/Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) could be ready for public review by the spring of 2008. Following the public process, a final HMAP/EA could be ready by autumn of 2008.

**Q.** What decisions will NOT be made in the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Herd Management Area Plan revision?

**A.** The Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Herd Management Area Plan is an activity level plan. This means Land Use Plan decisions will not be made in this process.

**Q.** What are Land Use Plan decisions verses Activity Plan decisions?

**A.** Land use plan decisions are decisions made in resource management plans and forest plans, such as where wild horses can be managed, herd management area designations, wild horse range designations, guidelines for adjusting herd size, and area-wide restrictions that may be needed.

Activity level plans are specific plans designed to last from five to ten years addressing exactly how wild horses and their habitat will be managed. The type of decisions may include but are not limited to: appropriate management level, sex ratios, desired population structure, project implementation, and any other decision that addresses day-to-day management of the area.

**Q.** What roles do the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), United States Forest Service, and National Park Service (NPS) have in the management of the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range?

**A.** The BLM is the lead agency for the management of the PMWHR. The Forest Service and NPS are the decision-making agencies for any potential management actions proposed on lands under their jurisdiction. The BLM is responsible for the management of the wild horses themselves, as well as habitat conditions. The BLM is responsible for public consultation, addressing comments, and leading the management of the PMWHR.